

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 11th September 2016

IRTS Technical Panel

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

Send your question to [irtstech /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irtstech@irts.ie). Provide as much information as possible, including details of attempts already made to deal with the issue in question.

www.irts.ie/irtstech

Counties Contest

Today 11th September is the deadline for the submission of logs for the counties contest. Logs should be sent to [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie)

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WSVR (pending approval from ComReg) from The Waterford & Suir Valley Railway station Kilmeaden Co. Waterford on Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th September. This is to coincide with the Railways On the Air Weekend. Proposed frequencies for the weekend include 3.650, 7.120 & 14.120 Mhz. The Waterford and Suir Valley Railway Company is a community heritage project. The project has enabled the magic of rails golden age to be brought to life in Kilmeaden. A heritage narrow gauge railway runs along 17 kilometers of the abandoned Waterford to Dungarvan line with spectacular views. The railway is currently operated by a volunteer crew. It opens from April to the 30th September for the summer season. It is popular with both locals and tourists and appeals to people of all ages. For more information, please see www.wsvrailway.ie

Due to our “Learn CW” course taking place on Monday 26th September there will be no September meeting of the club.

Normal meetings will resume in October. Please note that all the available places for

our “Learn CW” course have now been taken. For all those taking part we look forward to seeing you tomorrow night at 7pm sharp. Can all people taking part please check their emails as further instructions and a list of items needed have been emailed to all of you.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website www.searg.ie and you can also join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

South Dublin Radio

Dah dit dah dit , Dah dah dit dah, Morse classes will be starting this week at South Dublin Radio club. Run by EI7GY Joe Ryan anyone attending is asked to bring a pen and paper. Passing the Morse test allows existing Radio Experimenters to move from a 3 letter call to a 2 letter call. It may also allow operating in countries where Morse is still a requirement. Classes will take place in a separate room allowing the usual tea drinking and chat to continue for everyone else. It starts 8.30pm sharp every Tuesday at the Community Centre at the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All welcome. Booking not required.

DX News

A team of 6 Polish operators are active until 18th September with the unusual callsign of ZA/ZA1P. They are operating on all bands 160m to 6m CW, SSB and RTTY.

Island chasers may be interested in working members of a team from the Cambridge University Wireless Society who will be on the Westman Islands (IOTA EU-071) from 13th to 16th September. The Westman Islands are off the south coast of Iceland and have a population of about 4,000. The callsigns to look for are TF/homecall.

The well-known DXer Zorro JH1AJT will activate the callsign A5A from Bhutan until 17th September. He will be joined by Champ E21EIC and Franz DJ9ZB and activity will be on 80m to 10m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL manager is JH1AJT.

Stu K4MIL will be QRV again as KG4SS from Guantanamo Bay from 14th to 21st September. He will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to his home call.

Enigma Reloaded 2016

Enigma reloaded 2016 will be held from September 17th to October 1st

The main goal of the Enigma Event is to promote as much Amateur radio activities as possible all over the world, celebrating the history of the Enigma cipher machine and its crucial role in the outcome of the second World War.

The Enigma Event 2016 will take place in two steps:

From 17th to 30th September 2016. Italian and foreign Amateur radio stations registered as Activator stations will be QRV to enable contacting stations gain their score in the Enigma Award.

On October 1st the final day of the event, the Activator Stations will exchange pre-defined CW messages previously enciphered by a real or emulated Enigma machine.

All details and rules are available on the official website, www.enigma-reloaded.it

Cavan EI2LLX Crossband Repeater

Ronnie EI9ED is testing a digital radio, DMR - repeater from EI2LLX site in Cavan. The repeater will beacon a digital audio transmission every 10 minutes, to facilitate signal and audio quality checks.

The DMR radio will further be connected to the 2meter Cross Band Repeater at a later stage. The DMR beacon transmit frequency is 430.975. Reports please, to Ronnie on the Dublin and Cavan repeaters .

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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